



LIGHTWEIGHT & ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR DEFENSE

Materials for Military Ground Vehicles

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Outline

Tactical Vehicles
FCS Structure and Materials
Advanced Reconfigurable Structure





Materials for Tactical Trucks

Material must be readily available and fully developed.

- RHA
- High hard steel
- Aluminum

Research projects are ongoing to further develop advanced lightweight armors.

- Composites
- Ceramics
- Titanium

Long Term Armor Strategy

- A + B design
- Requirements are classified





Future Combat System (FCS) Materials

FCS requirements

C130 transportable

- Transport weight not to exceed 18.5 tons
- Weight can be increased on ground
- Dimensional constraints
- Structure "A" + Armor "B" solution
- Structure selected by IPT to be 5059 Aluminum with friction stir welded 2195 Aluminum/Lithium belly
 - Fall back position 5083 Aluminum with friction stir welded 2195 Aluminum/Lithium belly
 - Fall back position 5059 complete structure
- No selection yet for "B" armor

Cost

Cover layer

Composite layer





FCS Video





FCS May 25 Guidance (+)

Emergency transport configuration

Maximum Size Envelope For Variants

- 119" Width
- 108" Height
- 263" Hull Length (excluding barrel overhang)

Unlimited time for ECC - FCC transition

C-130 ramp hinge limit

Use Non-Combat Configuration (NCC) approach for vehicle configuration

Use platform maintenance manuals as the guide for removal and reassembly

Shoring is allowed to solve rail and hinge issues

**This initial guidance will
be refined and updated if
required NLT Jun 16**





Trade Process & Conduct

- This trade was conducted in accordance with the approved FCS trade study process
- The measures in the metallic material trade process will be addressed:
 - Cost - measured in dollars
 - Raw Material, measured in dollars per kilogram
 - Integration Burdens & Allocations
 - Weight, measured in kilograms
 - Risk
 - Producibility
 - Performance
 - New Material Characterization Cost
 - Performance
 - Logistics
 - Corrosion Susceptibility
 - Mine Blast Resistance

The IPT established weighting factors as part of the formal trade process.



Assumptions (1)

Trade is for metallic portion of MGCV chassis only

- Trade Alternatives are:

- Aluminum 2519
 - Aluminum 5083
 - Aluminum 5059
 - Aluminum 2519 with 2195 Al/Li friction Stir Welded Floor
 - Aluminum 5083 with 2195 Al/Li friction Stir Welded Floor
 - Aluminum 5059 with 2195 Al/Li friction Stir Welded Floor
 - Aluminum 2519 with Ti Bolt in Floor
 - Aluminum 5083 with Ti Bolt in Floor
 - Aluminum 5059 with Ti Bolt in Floor
- Trade will evaluate a MGCV point design (BTA1U with updates)
 - Initial MGCV configuration will be Carrier type vehicle (C2V) Initial study will be for an "A" + "B" armor integration approach where upper hull "A" has no ballistic requirement at ECC and lower side wall will work in concert with Skirt, minimum thickness to be 0.75 Al and a 4 mm. allowable deflection from lower side wall to the suspension.





Hull Aluminum Material Trade Study Results and Hull IPT Recommendations

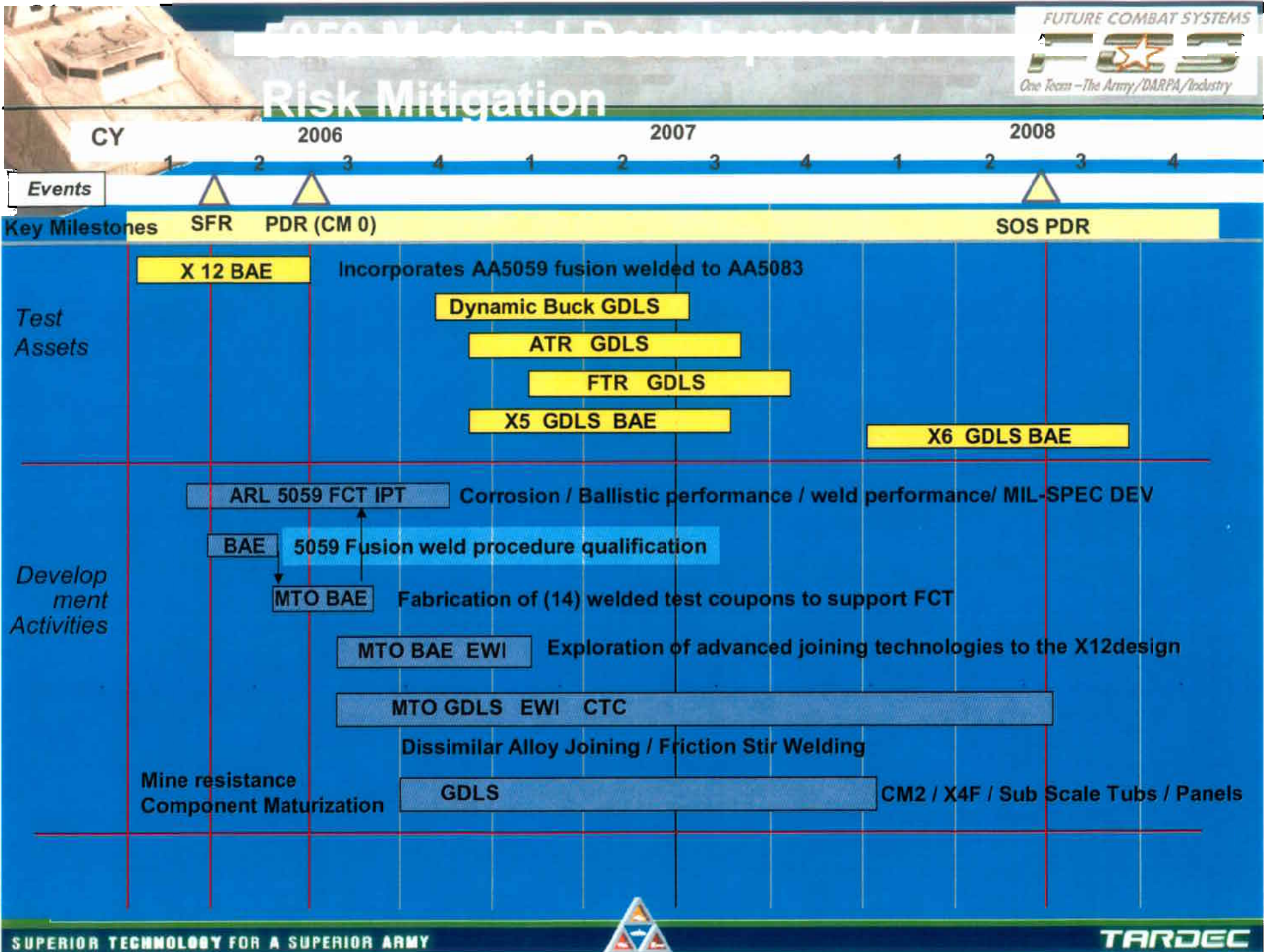
Trade study results

- Aluminum hull material trade study winning candidates
 - 5059/2195 - Winner
 - 5083/2195 – Close 2nd
 - 5059 - Close 3rd
- Winning triad rankings robust and not susceptible to moderate weighting alterations
- High degree of Hull IPT consensus

Hull IPT Development Plan Approach

- Baseline hull material – 5059 hull / 2195 belly plate
- Risk fall back alternate plan A – based on possibility that hybrid belly plate technology may not mature prior to PDR
 - Fall back construction #A1- 5059 hull and belly plate
 - Fall back construction #A2- 5059 hull and titanium belly plate
- Risk fall back alternate plan B – based on possibility that 5059 may not mature prior to PDR
 - Fall back construction #B1- 5083 hull / 2195 belly plate
 - Fall back construction #B2- 5083 hull and titanium belly plate







Advantages of Structural Approaches

Space Frame

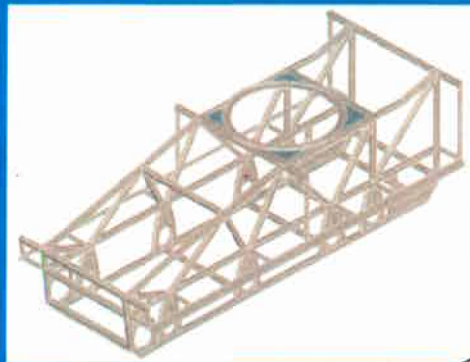
Lightest "structure only" weight

Tailorable survivability

- Ballistic armor tailored to mission requirements
- Low burden integration of EMA, Signature Management, Etc.

Ease of repair

Improved transportability



Space Frame

Monocoque

Lightest weight approach assuming a base level of ballistic protection

Efficient integrated structural armor solutions

Maximum interior volume

Lowest cost



Hybrid Structures



Monocoque



X1 Ballistic Test Section



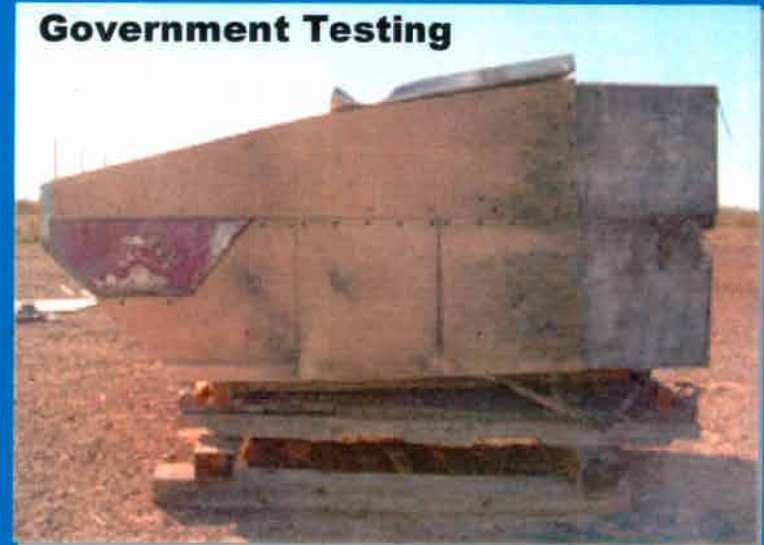
Monocoque Forward Section



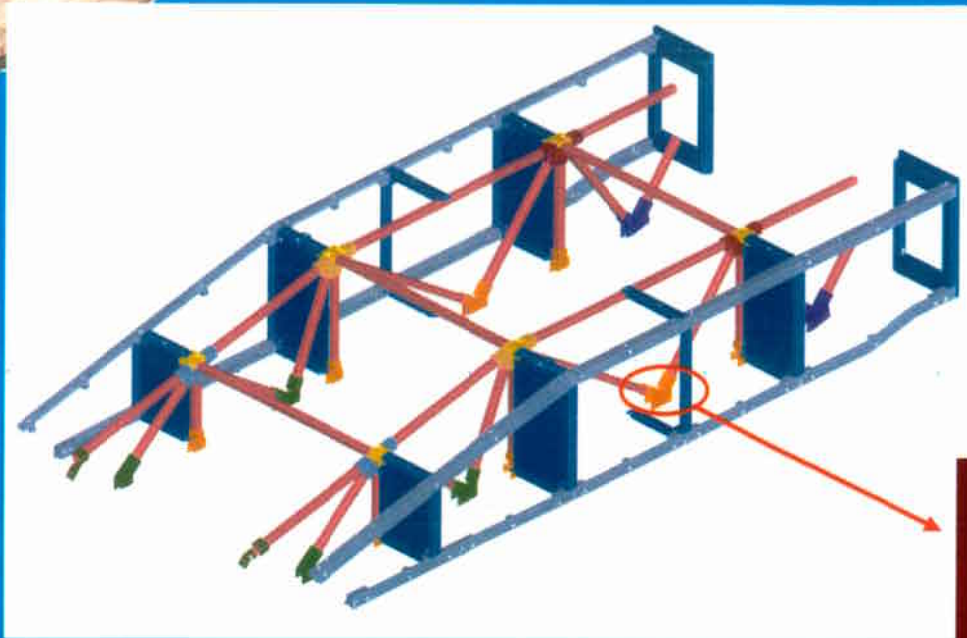
Space Frame Aft Section

- Leverages IHS concept to provide a full-scale hull survivability test bed
- Composite HMG/Frag upper hull
- Metallic lower hull with integral Medium Cannon front and ballistic armor skirts
- Aluminum space frame aft section provides easy installation of modular armor for evaluation
- EMA "integration" demonstrated
 - Enough power and energy storage on board to accommodate applique
 - Structural "sockets" or access points are designed in

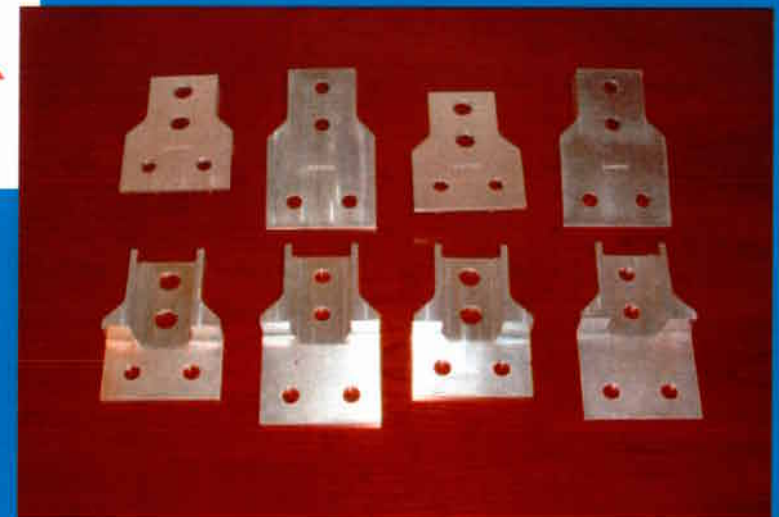
Government Testing



ARES Spaceframe Nodes

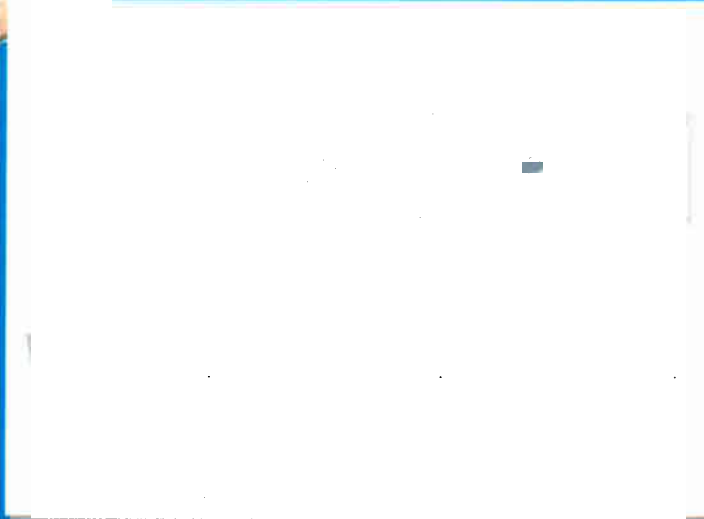


Lower Attachment Node Halves



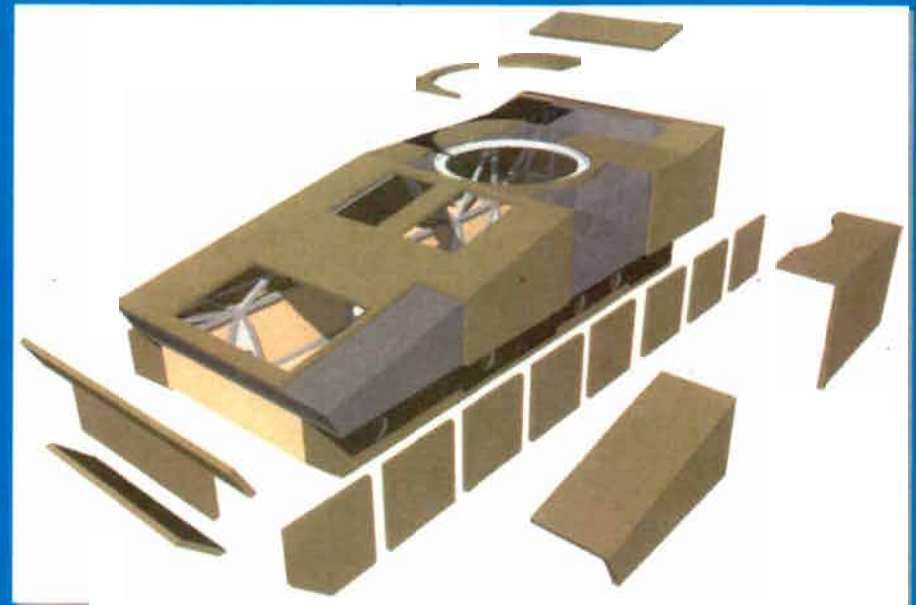


Selected Space Frame Structure

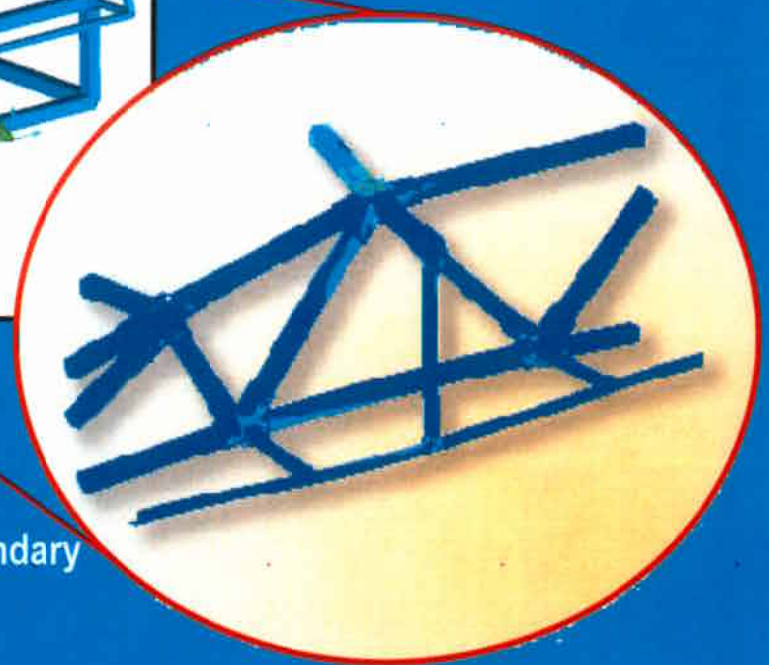
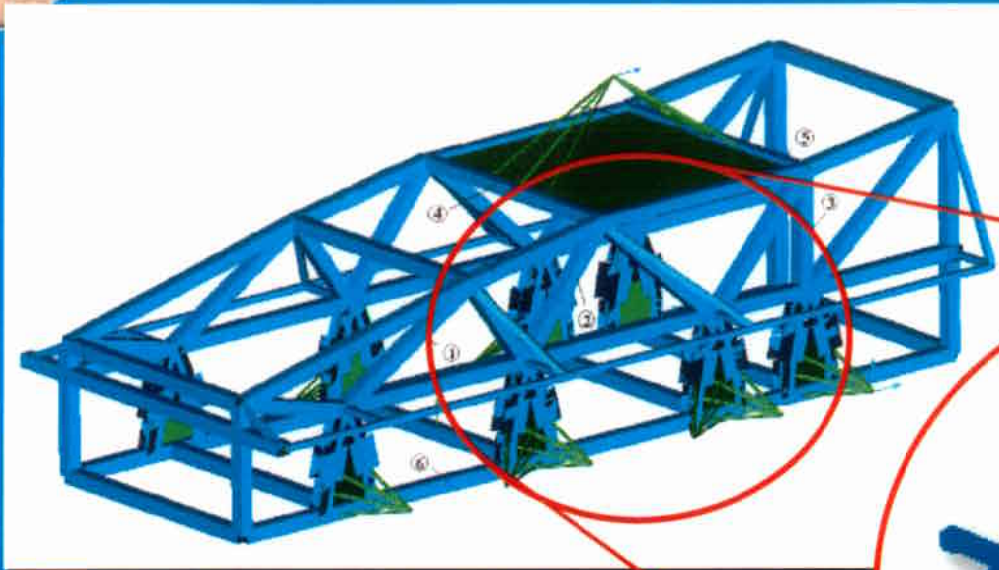


Features

- Full space frame design
- High strength frame
- Composite upper and lower shells for EMI/Environmental
- Base armor mounts to frame
- Add-on armor/survivability kits mount over base armor



FEA Model



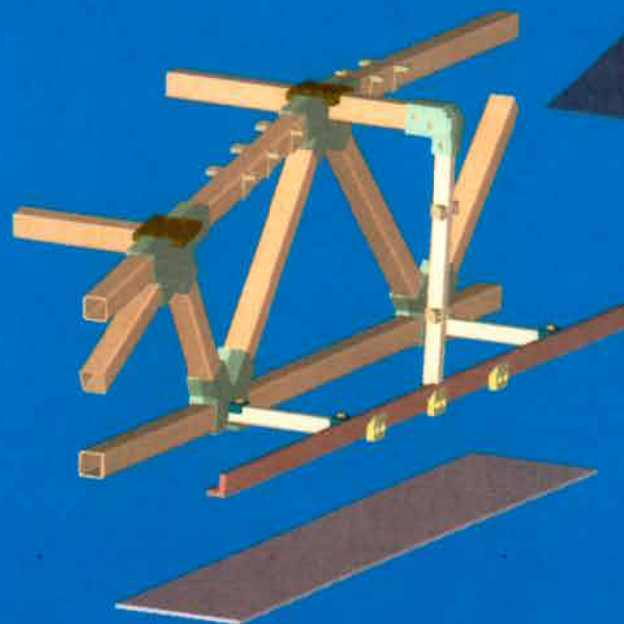
Forces, moments and displacements are extracted from the global model and applied as boundary conditions for local model.

Little or no redundancy: Sponson framing not required for mobility or gun firing; supplied as practical structure for mounting



AX-0 Test Section Components

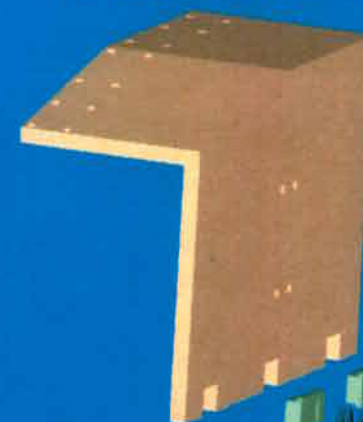
*Frame
Assembly*



*Composite
Upper Skin*



Armor Module



*Mounting
Guides*



Completed January 2005

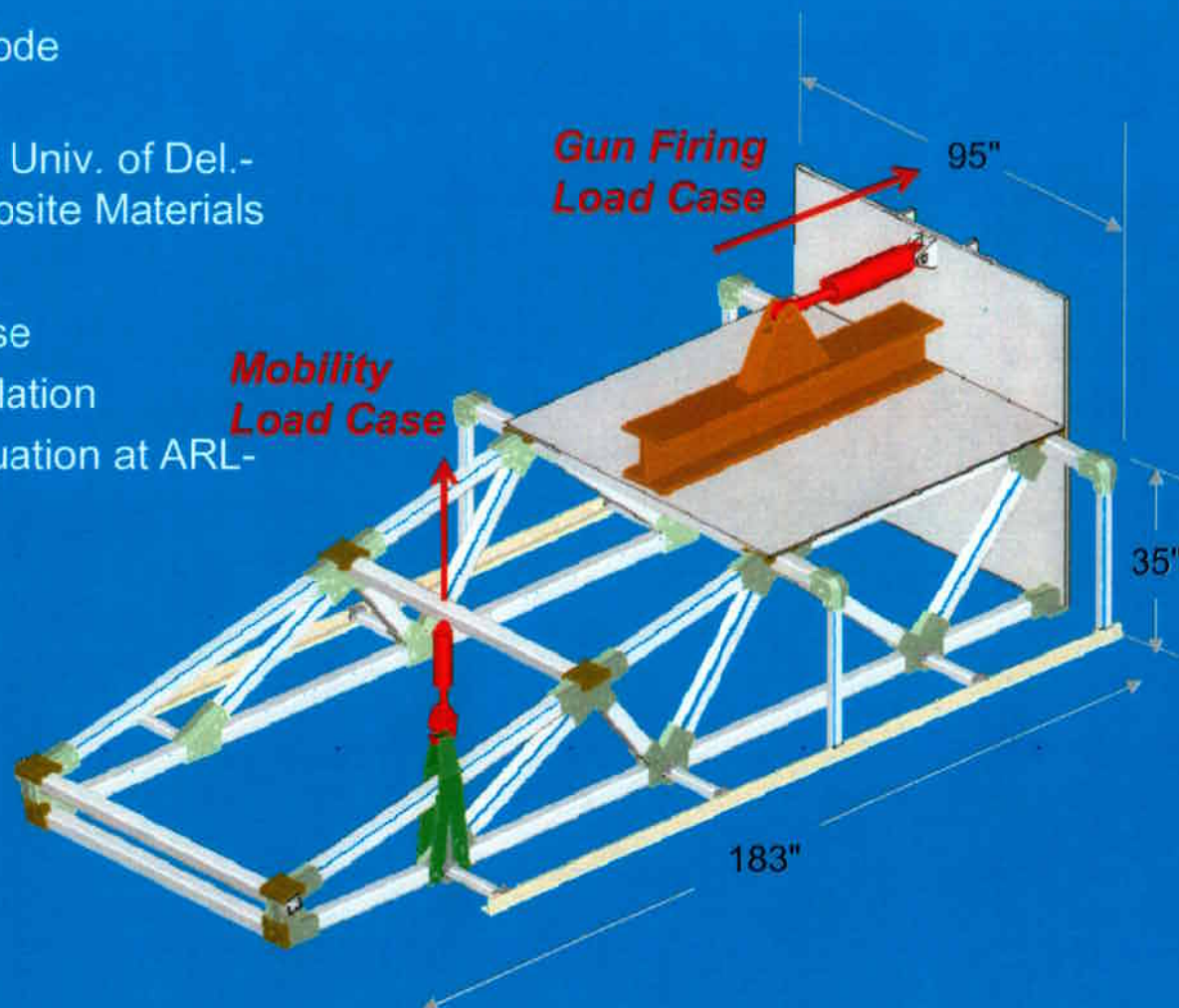




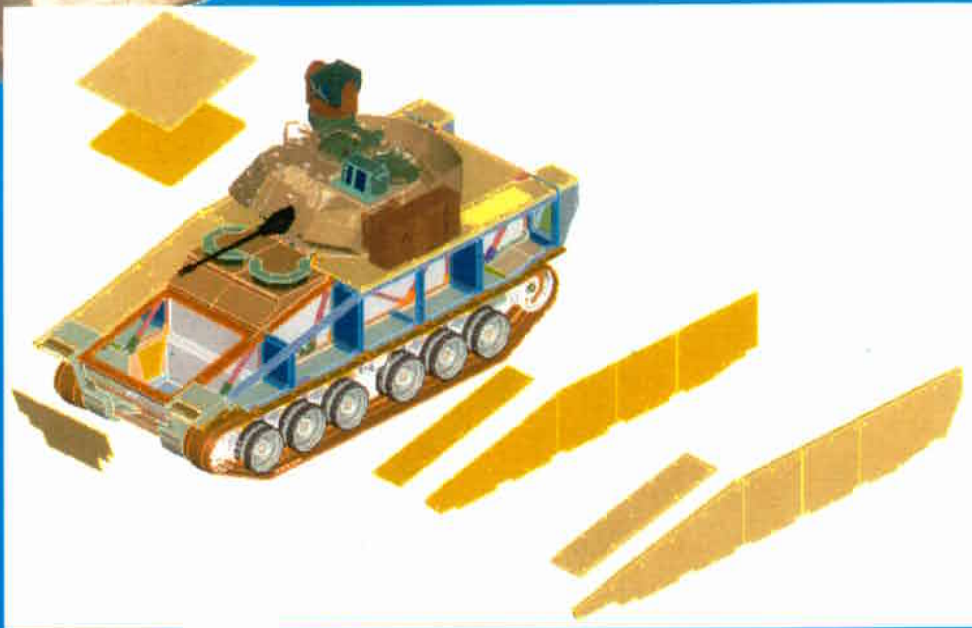
AX-1 Test Asset

Features

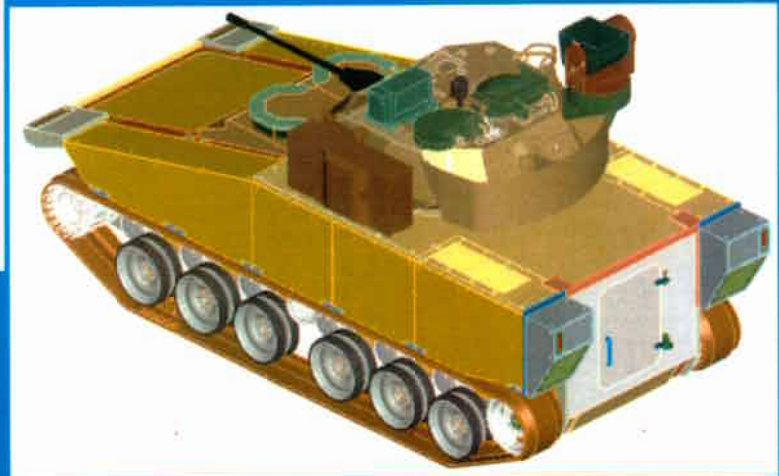
- Multiple tube and node configurations
- Structural testing at Univ. of Del.-
Center for Composite Materials
- Mobility load case
- Gun firing load case
- FE Analysis Correlation
- Ballistic shock evaluation at ARL-
Aberdeen



ARES Layout Option



Left Side – Armor
suite and skins
remove or set aside
for ASC show



Right Side – Armor
suite and skins attach
for ASC show

